

Montgomery, NY - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced a major federal investment in wastewater infrastructure for the Town of Montgomery he has secured through the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Environment. The \$1.25 million in federal funding will help to fund a new wastewater treatment facility that increases capacity to serve more than 10 commercial properties and more than 110 homes. Hinchey was joined by local officials and business leaders for the announcement.

"As the economy begins to slowly improve, we need to ensure that Montgomery and Orange County are positioned to attract economic development and promote new job creation," said Hinchey, who used his position on the committee to secure approval of the investment. "Businesses are preparing to restart pending applications for development and an upgraded wastewater system will be necessary in the next few years to support and encourage that growth. This investment will help to support hundreds of new construction and full time jobs here in Montgomery."

The upgrades are essential to ensuring that the town's main commercial and industrial areas have adequate sewer and water capacity, and the town can provide services to nearby developments. Specifically, the investment will help serve the needs of the commercial properties along Neelytown Road and allow the town to expand services in the future to properties and businesses not currently in the sewer district. As a result of the project, the Town of Montgomery could host 10 or more business expansions and new businesses along the Neelytown Road corridor.

The wastewater plant, which currently handles sewage from Town Sewer Districts No. 1 and No. 2, is critical to current and future development and also provides services for more than 110 homes. With upgrades needed to serve future needs, the town is moving forward with plans to increase sewer capacity from 150,000 gallons per day to 250,000 gallons per day. The funding Hinchey secured through the Interior and Environment Appropriations subcommittee to aid in this effort must now be considered by the full committee and then the full House. The bill is expected to pass later this year.